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Tom Wheeler Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

I am writing to urge the approval of the proposed cable broadband company New Charter, a company which I believe would improve broadband speeds and protect a free and open Internet. As a member of the Alabama House of Representatives, I know these are critical issues to consumers, and I am encouraged by New Charter's eagerness to engage in the most important broadband concerns of today.

New Charter would improve broadband speeds through various investment projects. Bringing together the resources of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable, and Bright House Networks, New Charter would invest in commercial and residential networks. The projects would include financial and construction goals that aim to bring fiber-optics to mostly rural and underserved communities. These efforts would have a substantial impact on consumers by ensuring they benefit from the latest innovations.

New Charter would also work to safeguard network neutrality. The company would do so by not issuing data caps or usage-based billing. It also would not favor certain domains, allowing small businesses to compete online with large corporations. I am pleased with New Charter's firm commitment to network neutrality and flat rate billing, and I am confident my constituents would appreciate the policies.

Please support broadband investment and network neutrality and approve the merger.

Sincerely,

Representative Jack Williams

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Alabama House of Representatives, District 47